

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Aug. 27th, 1888.

Hon. Danl. M. Fox Supt.

Dear Sir

I find that the institution is greatly in need of 200 ft. Garden hose for cleaning purposes, also 2" hose for use in case of fire. I recommend that there be a pipe led on the post, aside of elevator, with couplings on pipe, so that there could be an attachment of hose, led off any one of the three floors. the proper amount of hose placed on each floor, equal for any emergency.

In regards to protection of your vault, where the gold is stored, in H. Cochran's charge, there is great carelessness, the parties who have charge do not seem to realize -

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the responsibility attached to that position it is gradually becoming a public thoroughfare. it is opened early in the morning & remains so all day, which is altogether wrong, as no one should be allowed to enter without your permission. The vault should be kept locked & strict attention paid to it, for you & your Bondsmen's protection, there can not be too much precaution taken at the present time, as we are now entering into a critical period. in a short time the mens heads will be filled with nothing but political matter, & they will forget the responsibility which rests upon them; in regards to the front door, it is badly managed at the

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present time, it is left open long after 4 o'clock, even when all the departments have finished work & dismissed. the force is very often cut down to two men, they being the only persons in the institution, with the doors in this position. the purpose of this is to receive anyone who may come along, they are admitted & shown through the institution providing there is a chance to sell a book, otherwise they are not admitted, if these books were placed in the cabinet, in charge a lady & given to the public at cost, there would be three times as many go into circulation.

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I am obliged to report Mr. Brown & his men for being insubordinate to one of your orders, during your absence. You left instructions that the windows in the coining room should be left open, untill the women finished cleaning the room. if they finished before 5, 0 clock, the Ushers should lock the windows, & after 5, 6 clock the night watchmen should perform this duty. the Ushers have refused to do it. Mr. Brown says that he will show you the law, where the ushers are not compelled to do it. Mr. Brown claims that he has been authorized by you to admit visitors after 12 O clock,

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Very respectfully
Chas. Filison
Special Officer

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Thomas L. Gibson

~~Special Officer. Superintendent.~~

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Very respectfully,
Thos. J. Gibson
Special Officer